

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 8th APRIL 2015 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer (RS)

Chairman

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr John Lucas (JL), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Dr Adam Paxton (AP), Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg)

District Councillors Mrs Laura Conway, Mrs Marianne Overton

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

Mrs K Stark

04.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which was attended by 5 parishioners. See separate minutes.	<u>ACTION</u>
04.02.00	<u>ABSENCES</u> none	
04.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> nil	
04.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
04.04.01	RS thanked all for their work during the year.	
04.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
04.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
04.06.01	Highways had been shown the overgrown verge at the top of Mill Lane. It was hoped that the excess vegetation would soon be cleared.	
04.06.02	The agreed village maintenance tasks were being undertaken although the handyman had had higher priority work elsewhere so they had not been completed.	
04.06.03	The fly tipping issue on the allotments had been satisfactorily resolved.	

	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
04.07.00 04.07.01	<p>LC advised that elements of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan had been delayed because the critical housing growth policy document could not be completed since the DCLG had failed to supply the overarching supporting data in time.</p> <p>The next stage in the preparation of the Local Plan was preparation of the Draft Local Plan, which would take into account responses made to the Preliminary Draft. It would also include the proposed level and distribution of growth, including the Site Allocations for the delivery of the housing growth. The Draft Local Plan would be published in the summer and there would be a further six week consultation period.</p> <p>Further information on the development of the Local Plan can be found at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire</p>	
04.07.02	<p>MO stressed the need to complain formally and often to LCC about road maintenance issues. She warned that LCC could not continue to make good shortfalls in central government funding from its own reserves and that a breaking point was highly probable.</p>	
04.08.00 04.08.01 04.08.02 04.08.03 04.08.04 04.08.05	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The trees on Little Green had been sensibly trimmed.</p> <p>Three of the four under-kerb drains on the A607 had been cleaned out but their outer ends needed better clearance.</p> <p>The new grass contractor had cleared areas not previously mown by the previous contractor. It was hoped he would continue to the same high standard.</p> <p>NKDC had required the owner of Welbourn Hall to remove his caravans and to apply for Planning permission for the stainless steel chimney off Hall Lane. He had not yet done either.</p> <p>NKDC had advised that the election for Parish councillors would be chargeable whether or not it was held.</p>	
04.09.00 04.09.01 04.09.02 04.09.03	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Spending in March had been £1,125, leaving £13,165 in reserves. Next year's precept had been received.</p> <p>It appeared that E-on's presumed charges for street lighting power were excessive and unjustifiable. They had been advised of the problem but had not yet responded. The charging rate was due to increase by more than 50% anyway but a lower rate was not available from other providers.</p> <p>The Annual Audit was due: the deadline for submission to the external auditors was 25th of May. An internal auditor had been arranged.</p>	

04.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
04.10.01	<u>Village Hall.</u> The new (bigger) cooker had been agreed for the main kitchen. Lettings were healthy.	
04.10.02	<u>Highways and Drains</u> A gateway at the bottom of Dycote Lane beyond the bridge was severely eroded and should be repaired. JL agreed to discuss with the farmer concerned. The Clerk would seek assistance for repairs from Highways.	JL/Clerk
04.10.03	<u>Neighbourhood Development Plan.</u> The Plan was being redrafted to take account of all the many comments received during the Consultation. A flyer would be distributed to every house in the village with an overview and actions taken together with a new website address. A grant was available to enable further advice from a professional consultant to ensure that the policies were in general conformity with the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan would then be submitted to NKDC and, once approved by an external examiner, a local referendum would be held.	
04.10.04	<u>Cluster Group</u> The Group had had a very useful meeting in March where it was a major concern that the A607 would not be able to support all the development being planned within the Cluster. RS stressed the need for more collaborative action so as to carry more weight at County level.	
04.10.05	<u>Castle Hill.</u> Clearance work continued. The log dam had been diminished. An officer from English Heritage was due to inspect the Monument on the following Monday.	
04.10.06	<u>Allotments.</u> See 04.06.03	

04.1	<u>TO AGREE TO UNDERWRITE 11% OF THE WREN GRANT TO RESURFACE THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.</u> It was agreed to guarantee the expected WREN funding shortfall concerning funding the children's play area repairs.	Clerk														
04.1 04.1	<u>TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO BUY AND INSTALL OUR OWN BUS SHELTER</u> It was decided to defer the decision on whether or not to buy and install our own bus shelter(s) till after the election.															
04.1 04.1	<u>TO AGREE TO REPLACE 4 OLD OBSOLESCENT STREET LAMPS</u> It was agreed to replace four old street lamps.	Clerk														
04.14.00 04.14.01	<u>TO AGREE TO REFUND MEMBERS' COSTS FOR ATTENDING THE LALC AGM</u> It was agreed to refund the attendance fees at the LALC AGM for the two councillors who had participated.															
04.15.00 04.15.01	<u>TO AGREE THE MAINTENANCE TASKS NEXT MONTH.</u> It was agreed that the Handyman should continue with the previously set tasks.															
04.16.00 04.16.01	<u>TO REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF THE S106 FUNDS.</u> It was decided to seek opinions from within the parish as to what would be the most appropriate choice of open space enhancement.	<u>ACTION</u>														
04.17.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>R Thorpe (maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£262.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on (lighting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£140.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£96.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LALC (M Lunn AGM attendance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J R Storer (refund of LALC AGM fee)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath (salary)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£113.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd (PAYE McB)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£28.20</td> </tr> </table>	R Thorpe (maintenance)	£262.50	E-on (lighting)	£140.15	P A Orme (warden duties)	£96.00	LALC (M Lunn AGM attendance)	£7.00	J R Storer (refund of LALC AGM fee)	£7.00	M McBeath (salary)	£113.16	PO Ltd (PAYE McB)	£28.20	Clerk
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04.18.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Maintenance tasks	
04.19.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 13th May at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Copies to: District Councillors Mrs Conway, Mrs Overton, All PC Members, Parish Website.

